(5) A committee may be constituted to screen and analyse the existing text-books and recommend measures for making them more meaningful and less burdensome.

(6) The Sangathan should enter into a meaningful dialogue with teachers, educationists, parents and journalists in this regard.

The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan follows the syllabi and the text books prepared/prescribed by the National Council for Educational Research and Training and the Central Board of Secondary Education. As such Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan would take further action on recommendations of the Conference in consultation with the National Council for Educational Research and Training and the Central Board of Secondary Education.

Upgrading of Bhopal Airport

256. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently decided to upgrade some of the airports into international airports;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have also received any proposal from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for the upgradation of Bhopal airport;

(d) if so, what action Government have taken thereon; and by when the work on this project is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government would consider bringing international flights to Bhopal.

Constraints in Nhava Sheva Port

257. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nhava Sheva Port is facing serious financial difficulties and time over runs and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what are the latest details of the various facilities being created at Nhava Sheva?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The present revised cost of the project has been estimated as Rs. 795.74 crores as against the sanctioned cost of Rs. 506 crores. The cost over-run has been mainly on account of foreign exchange fluctuation, additional statutory levies and price escalation since the sanctioning of the original estimate. Adequate arrangements exist for the funding of this project. The time over-run now anticipated is about four months.

(b) The project envisages construction of three Container Berths, two bulk Cargo Berths and one Service Berth with a capacity to handle 3 million tonnes of containerised cargo and 2.90 million tonnes of bulk material mainly fertilisers and fertilizer raw material.

Extension of Long Distance Train in Gujarat

258. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation recently from Saurashtra pleading for extension of long distance trains like (1) Navjeevan Express (2) Howrah Express (3) Trivandrum Express (4) Sabarmati Express (5) Sarvodaya Express and also other trains;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the reaction of Government thereto; and